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## PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: BIAS POTENTIAL GENERATING APPARATUS

## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("Statement") with the Notice of Allowance and Allowability dated March 29, 2005 regarding the above identified application. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statement on Reasons for Allowance. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

In the Statement, the Examiner sets forth that "the claims now recite a specific bias potential generating circuiting having active and standby states further including a 'drive circuit' that is 'capable of changing the predetermined time period' of operation of the 'standby potential outputting circuit." However, such wording in the Statement does not precisely correspond to the language of claim 1. Specifically, claim 1 recites a potential restoration circuit for outputting a potential having a level different from that of the standby potential to the output node for a

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predetermined time period at the timing of transfer from power save mode to operation mode,

and a drive control circuit connect to the potential restoration circuit capable of changing the

predetermined time period. Accordingly, the drive control circuit is not capable of changing the

predetermined time period of operation of the "standby potential outputting circuit," but is

capable of changing the predetermined time period of operation of the "potential restoration

circuit."

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest

reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the

language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims,

without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is

hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to

such deposit account.

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